COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *15th of Karkadagam 1103.*
30th of July 1928.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock, with the Diwan-President in the Chair. All the Members, except Messrs. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. T. Mathew, M. K. Raman and Dr. A. R. Menon, were present.

Swearing in of new Members.

The President (M. R. Ry., P. Damodara Menon Avl., B. A., Ag. Diwan of Cochin), Messrs. Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, Rao Bahadur John Kuriyan and K. Ramunni Menon took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Members of the Cochin Legislative Council,

On behalf of His Highness, our beloved Maharaja, and, may I add, on my personal behalf too, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the deliberations of our Second Legislative Council. In so doing, I am glad I am privileged to convey to you a gracious message, full of import, full of the mellowed wisdom which comes of experience, from our gracious and patriotic Ruler. Let us hear it in obeisance, and remember it in the discharge of our duty.

Message from His Highness the Maharaja.

" Members of the Legislative Council,

" It is no small pleasure to Me to convey to you My hearty greetings on this occasion, which marks the commencement of the actual deliberations of the new Council. The hopes and expectations I had the opportunity of giving expression to, when the Council was inaugurated, are, I am sure, still fresh in your minds, and I feel it unnecessary to reiterate them here. I am confident that "Co-operation" will ever be your watch-word, and that your labours will continue to be directed towards the promotion of the happiness, contentment and prosperity of all classes of My people, and their peaceful progress in all directions. You have My very best wishes."

In delivering this message, I take the liberty to make a personal reference. Much as I esteem the honour and the privilege of being chosen the medium for the transmission of this

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